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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: JAL HIJACKING

REFS: A) STATE 143884 B) STATE 143932

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON FONOFF MIDDLE EAST DIV HEAD YAMAMOTO
AT 0945 JULY 22 TO SEEK INFORMATION REQUESTED REF A AND CONVEY
SUBSTANCE REF B.

2. YAMAMOTO SAID HE HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL ONE HOUR
EARLIER FROM HIS DEPUTY, OGUCHI, IN DUBAI CONFIRMING
ARRIVAL THERE OF JAPANESE SPECIAL DELEGATION. YAMAMOTO
SAID DELEGATION, COMPOSED OF 63 PERSONS MOSTLY JAL EMPLOYEES,
IS LED BY JAL CHAIRMAN ASADA BUT INCLUDES OGUCHI FROM FONOFF,
COUNSELOR GOTO FROM MINTRANSPORT, AND ISHIZAKI OF JAPANESE POLICE.
DELEGATION IS REALLY RELIEF MISSION ORGANIZED BY JAL, PRIMARY
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PURPOSE BEING TO ASSURE SECURITY OF AIRCRAFT PASSENGERS AND CREW.

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3. JAPANESE CHARGE IN KUWAIT, KIMURA, ARRIVED WITH JAL DELEGATION. AMB. TO KUWAIT ISHIKAWA, WHO HAS BEEN IN TOKYO TO ATTEND CONFERENCE, EXPECTED TO ARRIVE DUBAI (TO WHICH HE ALSO ACCREDITED) WITHIN NEXT 12 HOURS.

4. DURING TELECON. OGUCHI MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:
A. HE HAD NOT YET SEEN DUBAI DEFENSE MINISTER WHO ASSUMED NEGOTIATING ROLE, BECAUSE MINISTER AND HIJACKERS ARE ALL ASLEEP. TALKS NOT EXPECTED TO RESUME UNTIL 0800 JULY 22 DUBAI LOCAL TIME.

B. HIJACKERS ARE PROBABLY ARABS, AT LEAST THERE IS NO FIRM EVIDENCE THEY ARE JAPANESE.

C. HIJACKERS HAVE NOT YET MADE ANY POLITICAL DEMANDS, WHICH GOJ FONOFF FINDS QUITE STRANGE. HIJACKERS HAVE INDICATED THEY ARE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM HEAD OF THEIR ORGANIZATION, BUT DUBAI AUTHORITIES DO NOT KNOW HOW SUCH COMMUNICATION WILL BE EFFECTED, THOUGH THEY RECOGNIZE COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES OF 747 AIRCRAFT. WHEN EMBOFF GAVE YAMAMOTO SUBSTANCE GEF B, HE COMMENTED THAT THIS INFORMATION MIGHT EXPLAIN FACT THAT NO POLITICAL DEMANDS HAVE BEEN MADE, I.E., HIJACKERS MAY BE PLANNING KAMIKAZE ACT.

5. YAMAMOTO SAID JAPANESE REPS IN DUBAI HAVE BEEN GIVEN NO RPT NO NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS BY GOJ. ANY HIJACKER DEMANDS ON GOJ MUST BE REFERRED TO TOKYO. YAMAMOTO POINTED OUT THAT UNTIL IDENTITY OF HIJACKERS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, OR AT LEAST THEIR ALLEGIANCE, DIFFICULT TO KNOW HOW THEY CAN BE INFLUENCED.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH REF B INDICATED THAT SUBSTANCE HAD ALREADY BEEN PASSED TO JAPANESE IN WASHINGTON, FONOFF HAD NOT YET RECEIVED IT. YAMAMOTO WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR OUR INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE (ESPECIALLY AS US APPEARS NOT TO BE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THIS INCIDENT). WOULD THEREFORE BE USEFUL IF EMBASSY TOKYO COULD REMAIN INFO ADDRESSEE ON KEY MESSAGES.
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